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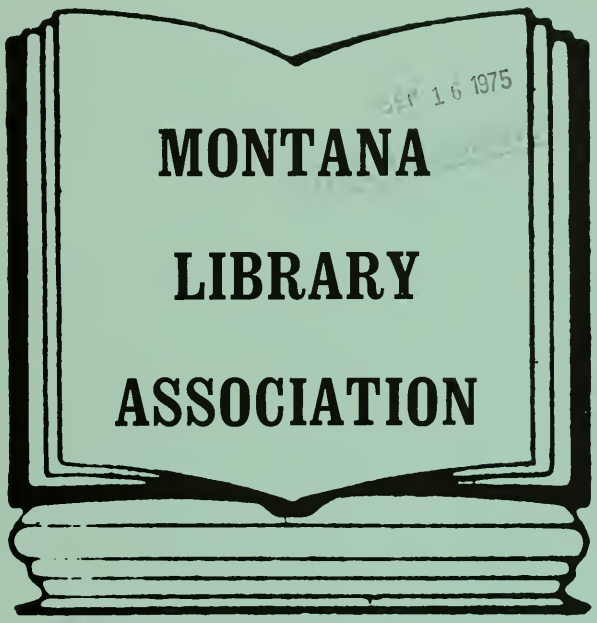

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AWARDS AND HONORS COMMITTEE - SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Notifying librarians throughout the state, an announcement regarding application forms for the School Administrator Award was placed in the monthly publications of the Department of State Instruction, the Montana State Library and the Montana Education Association with a February 15th deadline for applications. Rules for Awards and a copy of the Form and Information Sheet were sent to those who requested them.

The winning nominee will be announced at the conference in Missoula in May.

Eleanor Ivankovich, Chairman

AWARDS AND HONORS COMMITTEE - TRUSTEES

No Report.

CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION OF STATE DOCUMENTS

The Committee for Central Distribution of State Documents has established the practice of breakfasting together one morning during the State Conference. We have found it a pleasant and most worthwhile opportunity of discussing mutual problems and possible solutions. It is also a means of circulating within our group any newly acquired information as to publications or sources of materials.

We have two particularly welcome items to report this year -- for neither of which this committee can claim credit.

John Coleman, Archivist at the Montana Historical Society, has completed his Bibliography of State Documents. This really monumental work traces the development of the various agencies of Montana state government and supplies an annotated list of the publications of these agencies. It would be impossible to overemphasize the value of this work for all who are working either generally or

exhaustively in the area of state government. It will also constitute a location list for these publications.

The addition of Mr. G. Wesley Burnett as Documents Librarian on the staff of the State Library is a milestone in the utilization of documents within Montana. We heartily applaud the efforts of David Hoffman in achieving this important addition to his staff. We can only hope that the financial stringency of the coming biennium will not negate the advances that have been made. We strongly feel that the time of reorganization is a time when the planning of document control acquires vital urgency.

Josephine Self, Chairman

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

No Report.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE

At its meeting last year in Great Falls, the committee met and concluded that a collection of current, updated book selection policies in use in Montana libraries might be of interest to the library profession in the state.

All libraries were urged through a message in the Montana Newsletter to send a copy of their book selection policy to Roger Spillers, Chairman of the Intellectual Freedom Committee. As soon as these policies have been collected, they will be for loan from the State Library.

Roger E. Spillers, Chairman

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

This is a difficult report to write, for until the June 7th special session of the legislature determines what the revenue will be for the next biennium and what the appropriations will be for each department, the financial impasse which developed in the regular and the first extraordinary sessions will not be resolved. We, therefore, cannot report what budget has been set for the Montana State Library by the 42nd Legislature.

The 410 members of this committee informed the legislators before they left for Helena on the needs of the Montana State Library. When the appropriations needs were determined for the State Library, this information was relayed to each legislator.

I made two or three trips a week to Helena during the session and the special session. Helen Hoffman came down from Glasgow and we drove to Helena to appear before the appropriations sub-committee along with Mrs. Parker Davies and William Conklin, Commission Members, and David Hoffman, acting State Librarian.

The long-range building program passed without any appropriation for the University of Montana Library, second phase.

When the 42nd Legislative session finally ends, we will let you know the results.

Margaret S. Warden, Chairman

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Library Development Committee will continue to focus its attention on Montana Public Library Standards and interpretation.

The committee will study proposals for state financial assistance to public libraries, and will support the Montana State Library requests for such assistance.

Work of the Committee will also be directed toward the implementation of school library standards for Montana.

Alma S. Jacobs, Chairman

LIBRARY INFORMATION AD HOC COMMITTEE

No Report

LOCAL HISTORY COMMITTEE

The local history committee had no special programs this year. However, several members of the Montana Library Association, including Minnie Paugh, Marjorie Brister, Mary Dempsey, Dorothy Floerchinger, Sarah Kerr, Lucy Jones, Clare Smith, and Marie MacDonald participated in the Local History Workshop at the Montana Institute of Arts (MIA) Festival at Glendive in June, 1970.

The subject of the workshop was the problems faced by any community publishing its own history. Phases considered were: organizing for action; gathering materials; writing and editing; mechanics of book production; promotion and selling. A half hour was allotted to each topic.

The discussion was taped by Mrs. Albert Irion of Fallon, transcribed by Marie MacDonald, and copies sent to the 40 individuals who took part. A tremendous number of practical ideas were developed. Librarians interested in the information for the use of their communities might borrow a transcription (it is 11 pages long, legal-size) from one of the participants and have it copied for their files.

Marie MacDonald, Chairman

MONTANA AUTHORS COMMITTEE

The revised edition of PNLA's Who's Who Among Pacific Northwest Authors has been on sale for almost a year and is being ordered by libraries in all parts of the country. The Committee is grateful to Timothy Brown who shepherded the manuscript through its various stages and to William Willmering and Miss Minnie Paugh who, as members of the Montana Authors Committee of the Montana Library Association, worked so long on preparing the Montana section of the book.

Last year the Committee announced a new project: a plan to contact as many authors as possible to request that they concern themselves with deposit of their manuscripts and research materials in Montana libraries. Letters have been sent to many writers, suggesting the importance of preserving a record of their work, and suggesting as depositories the State Historical Society, the State University at Bozeman and the University of Montana at Missoula. Thus far returns from those letters are disappointing, and there are no spectacular successes to be reported. The Committee still believes, however, in the significance of this project and in the possibility of future success. The project, in the long run, should benefit the state's libraries and all the people of Montana.

Richard Gercken, Chairman

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK - 1971

In October 1970, Helen Dresen, Assistant Professor at Montana State University, Bozeman, was appointed Executive Director of National Library Week in Montana. Richard Gercken, Reference Librarian, University of Montana, Missoula, was appointed Assistant Director.

Shortly thereafter, Chet Huntley, newscaster and Chairman of the Board for Big Sky Corporation, Bozeman, accepted the appointment of Montana Chairman of National Library Week. Bill Merrick, owner of KBMN Broadcasting Station, Bozeman, accepted the appointment as Vice-Chairman.

A picture of these appointments was mailed to the public librarians of Montana to be inserted in the local newspapers in November 1970. This presented NLW as a reminder to the people.

Helen Dresen compiled items of interest about all Montana libraries for spot announcements. Chet Huntley and Bill Merrick cut and sent out audio and video tapes for these announcements over radio and television stations which were distributed by the Montana Broadcasters Association.

Plans were made for Chet Huntley and David Hoffman, State Librarian, to meet with Governor Forrest Anderson in Helena. The Governor would proclaim the week of April 18 - 24 as National Library Week in Montana.

The first week in March, letters were sent to twenty-four booksellers who advertise in the classified section of their local telephone directories, asking them to include promotion of NLW in Montana in their advertising, and using the motivation of THE RIGHT TO READ FOR EVERY AMERICAN.

Shortly following this letter, another letter went out to all public and school librarians with suggestions for local observation activities during NLW. Various ideas were suggested with the theme that would encourage all Americans to pursue their Right to Read and the Right of their Children to Read through the motivation of NLW.

It was suggested, also, that clippings and letters telling of the local activities promoting and observing National Library Week in Montana should be sent for our records to: Richard Gercken, Reference Librarian, University of Montana Library, Missoula, Montana.

Helen Dresen, Executive Director

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee presented the following names to the membership for election to office:

Vice-President and President-Elect

Frances Wells, Director of Library Services, School District #2, Bozeman

Mary B. Harstad, Librarian, Washington School, Glendive

Secretary

Minnie Paugh, Reference Librarian, Montana State University Library, Billings

Doris M. Mart, Librarian, Garfield County Free Library, Jordan

Treasurer

Helen Anderson, Assistant to the Librarian, Great Falls Public Library, Great Falls

Letitia Johnson, Chairman

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

No Report.

DIVISION REPORTS

ACADEMIC AND SPECIAL LIBRARIES DIVISION

Since the annual meeting of the Division during the Conference in Great Falls last May (minutes of which meeting were published in the 1970 MLA Proceedings), there have been no Divisional activities. However, the Chairman of the Division, as a member of the Executive Board of MLA, participated in the several Board meetings called during the year by President Brewer for the transaction of routine, and frequently not-so-routine, business of the association, including planning for National Library Week in Montana, April 18-24, and for the annual meeting of the association in Missoula in May. He also had the pleasure of serving as a member of the Nominating Committee.

Richard W. Luce, Chairman

MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIES

The Montana Association of School Librarians has continued to grow this past year with paid memberships of over 95. This is already an increase over last year which was reported prior to the May conference. Since many librarians do not pay their dues until annual convention, we are in hopes that several more will be added to our membership roll.

Each year a liason representative from MASL is appointed to attend and report on the Library Sectional meetings in each MEA District. This year our representatives were Mrs. Lorraine Jay, Missoula District; Mrs. Constance Lohse, Great Falls District; Mrs. Frances Wells, Billings District; and Mr. Gerald Griffin, Wolf Point District.

MASL was also well represented at the ALA Mid-winter Conference in Los Angeles in January. Three of our members attended this conference. They were Mrs. Frances Wells, Billings Public Schools, AASL Region VII Director and Executive Board member; Mrs. Constance Lohse, Valier Public Schools, AASL Standards Implementation Committee member; and Phyllis Williamson, Great Falls Public Schools, AASL State Assembly delegate.

Members attending the MASL Division meeting last May in Great Falls were given an opportunity to evaluate the proposed Accreditation Standards for Montana

Schools and were asked to submit comments and suggestions to the Department of Public Instruction. Comments on the revised proposal have been solicited from many other librarians throughout the year. Mr. Alve Thomas, Administrative Assistant, Department of Public Instruction, will give a speech on the status of accreditation standards and certification of librarians at the MASL Division meeting on May 15 during the MLA convention. This will be a joint meeting with the Montana Instructional Media Association.

Officers for this year are:

Chairman - Phyllis Williamson, Great Falls

Vice-Chairman - Mrs. Edna Berg, Bozeman

Secretary - Marian Anhalt, Great Falls

Phyllis Williamson, Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION

In this first year of our creation as a Division the main activity, aside from supporting legislation, has been my privilege of representing this Division at meetings of the Executive Board of Montana Library Association.

The Executive Board asked us to send out information and handle the Trustee Award.

The program for the convention has also been one of the important considerations, and we acknowledge the assistance of Miss Phyllis Maggeroli of the State Library in procuring the main speaker for our Division. We think we have something which librarians from large and small public libraries can enjoy and receive benefit from the participation.

It is our hope that in the business meeting which will be held during our allotted time you will come with ideas for our Division -- what direction and what activities we might engage in as a Division.

Inez R. Herrig, Chairman

TRUSTEES AND FRIENDS DIVISION

The Trustees and Friends Division of the Montana Library Association met at the annual conference in Great Falls in May, 1970 and elected the following officers:

Mrs. Louis Floerchinger of Conrad, President
Mrs. Helen Hoffman of Glasgow, Vice President
Mrs. Richard T. Ellis of Great Falls, Secretary

The project of the Division has been to spread the idea of the Federation of Libraries around the state and to try to enlist libraries, presently not participating in a Federation, to join such a system.

Mrs. Richard T. Ellis, Secretary

ALA COUNCILOR

The theme of the ALA Conference in Detroit was "Libraries: Resources for Human Understanding". Every year libraries have more calls for resources to understand the problems of the world in which we live. In striving to meet these obligations, the Detroit Conference, as well as the Midwinter Meeting in Los Angeles, devoted major time to recommendations of the ACONDA report (Activities Committee of New Directions for ALA). Because of the superhuman task of this committee, a new AdHoc Committee appointed from council also reported at Los Angeles.

One of the vital recommendations pertained to Chapter Councilors. Both committees recommended either the abolishing of, or a wider geographic representation of, ALA members. I attended both meetings, committed by our Association to retain Chapter Councilors. At Detroit, membership expressed approval of retaining Chapter Councilors by majority voice. At Midwinter, ignoring membership, the AdHoc Committee advocated a geographic representation of one man - one vote of ALA members. Again, membership was favorable to retaining Chapter Councilors, but again action was postponed to the Dallas conference. The committee of Chapter Councilors is an active one, and the majority was committed by State Associations as I was. To me, to ignore membership is the exact opposite to a policy of better representation of members.

Other important issues were: the protection of librarians in photo copying, protections against requiring residency and loyalty oaths, and a policy that circulation records not be available to any agency or individual.

Again the question was raised as to ALA's responsibility for minority group recruitment, and fair employment practices. We, from Montana, had to remind membership this was not an urban problem only and had an opportunity to name our North American Indians as a segment of this group.

A final recommendation of ACONDA was to hire a consultant or firm to take over and finalize plans for restructuring ALA. The task of the committees was great, but I question the cost measured against the results of this method.

I was pleased to represent you, and I ask for a policy as to whether the Association wants a change in procedures in the election of Chapter Councilor. All the methods used in government in delaying action - filibustering - find a place in ALA. Meetings are interesting, informative, and thought provoking. I wish more of our members were able to attend.

Clare M. Smith, ALA Councilor

FEDERAL COORDINATOR

Legislation enacted by the 91st Congress, which adjourned on January 2, 1971, included: the Elementary and Secondary Education Amendments of 1969 (Public Law 91-230), which extended ESEA programs for three years; and the Library Services and Construction Amendments of 1970 (Public Law 91-600) which consolidated provisions in Titles I and IV and continued Titles II and III, and extended these programs for five years. Congress adjourned without taking final action on Copyright Revision and the Higher Education Amendments of 1970, necessitating the reintroduction of legislation on these topics in the 92nd Congress, which convened on January 21. The 91st Congress did approve, and President Nixon signed into law, PL 91-345, which establishes the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science; at this report (March 15), no appointments to the Commission have been announced.

HR 32, a bill to amend and extend for five years the Higher Education Act and other measures, has been introduced in the 92nd Congress but no timetable for hearings has been announced.

The ALA Washington Newsletter for February 3, 1971, reports the following appropriations for Library programs recommended in President Nixon's budget message to Congress:

"For ESEA Title II -- School Library Resources, Textbooks, and Other Instructional Materials -- $80 million is being requested from Congress, the same

amount as appropriated last year. Realistically speaking, however, this means a curtailment from the 1971 level, considering the inflationary factors involved. Obviously, the Administration's Right-to-Read goal for the 1970's provided an essential safeguard for this highly important program. The Budget document states that 'These funds help provide the basic tools needed in a broad effort to improve reading ability.' However, recognition of the nationally strategic role of library activities ends there, so far as the budgeteers are concerned.

"For the Library Services and Construction Act, $18 million is being requested, a 56 percent cut below the $40,709,000 provided for library services last year. And once again, the President recommends that no funds be appropriated for Title II, Public Library Construction. Last year $7,092,500 was appropriated for construction projects. Of the $18 million, $2,281,000 is earmarked for Title III, Interlibrary Cooperation, the same amount provided for the past few years, and nowhere near what is needed to adequately implement the intent of the law. Also, the new LSCA, Title I, Library Services, combines the programs formerly under Titles IV-A and B, and requires that spending be no less for these activities than in FY 1971. A further consideration is the fact that the new LSCA (PL 91-600) authorizes three additional programs under Title I, also to be funded from this already pitifully meager amount.

"The rationale for the proposed LSCA cuts was explained in a budget briefing at the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) as follows:

> "Overall Office of Education support for library services has been reduced from $41 million to $18 million. Funds for additional public library construction, now at $7 million, have been eliminated. The budget reflects the view that general support of public libraries is primarily a State and local responsibility.

"For Title II of the Higher Education Act -- College Library Assistance and Library Training and Research -- $16,853,000 is being requested, $11,156,500 below the 1971 appropriation. A breakdown of the programs under Title II reveals that college library assistance under Part A is, for the third time in as many years, threatened with another crippling cut, more than two-thirds below last year's appropriation of $15,325,000. The budget recommendation for Part A, college library resources, is $5,000,000, for Part B, training, $2,000,000; for Part B, research, $3,000,000; and for Part C, LC Acquisition and Cataloging, $6,853,000.

"In this instance, the HEW budget briefing statement explains the situation this way:

"Assistance for college libraries will be reduced substantially in recognition of the marginal effect the wide distribution of these funds has had. Through administrative action and proposed legislation, the funds will be concentrated on the neediest colleges and universities. Support for acquisition and cataloging of foreign books and periodicals by the Library of Congress -- previously assisted by the transfer of funds from the Office of Education -- will now be budgeted for directly by the Library of Congress.

"For the Medical Library Assistance Act, $5,906,000 is the amount requested which represents a slight increase over the $5,818,000 appropriated in FY 1971. But inflationary costs may be expected to nullify that gain."

The Congressional Record for February 22, 1971, page E978, details the actual amount that these appropriations would yield for Montana, in contrast with amounts received in 1970 and 1971.

David Hoffman, Federal Coordinator

PNLA REPRESENTATIVE

Divorce is usually thought of in unpleasant terms, but the past year has seen the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center completely separated from P.N.L.A. and both organizations will benefit therefrom. PNBC Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Secretary of State (Wash.) in Olympia, Washington on August 31, 1970. This was done after approval by the general membership at the conference held in Ashland, Oregon. (Late reports show that PNBC traffic has increased 20% the last six months.)

The annual conference was held at Southern Oregon State College, August 25-28, 1970. It was of a workshop type, with emphasis on management. This does not mean that other groups were excluded, as there was much valuable work done on how all librarians and departments can function to the best of their ability. An added bonus that convention guests availed themselves of was the famed Shakespeare Festival being held at that time in Ashland which gave members an opportunity to view a different play each night.

After much discussion as to location the 1971 conference will be held at Pacific Lutheran University, Parkwood, Washington. Parkwood is a small town on Highway 7 just below Tacoma. There will be bus service from Sea-Tac Airport to the University, but housing will be almost completely dormitory housing. Let

me hasten to add that you cannot afford to stay any other place as PLU has offered us lovely rooms at $3.25 per night. Since they are a denominational school there is a ruling forbidding liquor, but we have been assured that there will be no dormitory room checks to prevent our more sociable librarians from enjoying their "Happy Hour" before dinner.

The 1972 workshop conference is yet in a formative stage. Montana may have the option of choosing a one-day preconference workshop where PNLA will come to us, or to join Idaho and Washington in a workshop proposed to be held in Spokane, on an appropriate date. The tentative topic for this workshop is continuing education and it is hoped that Peter Hyatt from WICHE will help build a program. The program will be highly concentrated, as the workshops will be one-day affairs.

PNLA was asked if it were possible for the Social Responsibilities Group from ALA to schedule a meeting at the end of this year's conference. There are but 2 people from Montana that belong to this group. Idaho and Alaska have no members while Washington has about 22 and Oregon about 15 members.

One other item of interest to MLA that has been decided the past year is the question of honorary memberships. As the ruling now stands, suggestions for honorary memberships should come from the state associations.

PNLA has been busy in the publications department and are contemplating a portrait index for the northwest, a forestry serials list, and a cumulative index to the PNLA Quarterly will soon be for sale. Perry Morrison is also investigating the possibility of getting the PNLA Quarterly on microfilm.

MAKE HISTORY LIVE is the theme of this year's conference. Look around you and see what is happening today that will become history tomorrow. What are you as a librarian doing to preserve it? This fascinating topic has all sorts of ramifications as everyone who attends the conference will see. If you do not already belong to PNLA be sure to join and come to PLU for this conference. PNLA is truly the professional organization that best serves the needs of the librarian in the Northwest. See you at Pacific Lutheran University in August.

Terry Clay, PNLA Representative

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

ACTIVE MEMBERS

School librarians	121	
Public librarians	122	
Academic and Specials	53	
Total Active Members		296

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Friends	109	
Public library trustees	216	
School administrators	54	
Total Associate Members		379

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS 7

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 682

The above membership includes 18 Life Members.

Rita M. Nelson, Treasurer

REPORT OF TREASURER
April 15, 1971

GENERAL FUND		
Balance, April 15, 1970		
Checking account	$1,053.74	
Certificate of deposit	1,088.21	
		$2,141.95
Receipts		
Memberships	2,054.00	
Conference exhibit space	740.00	
Registration and sale of meals	3,647.50	
Interest, certificate of deposit	55.44	
		6,496.94
Disbursements		
Conference expense	3,941.10	
Postage, supplies and expense	1,414.11	
Legislative Committee, expense	816.66	
A.L.A. representative	549.54	
P.N.L.A. representative	52.85	
A.L.A. membership	33.00	
P.N.L.A. membership	3.00	
Transfer to Scholarship Fund, 1970/71 membership	205.40	
		7,015.66
BALANCE April 15, 1971		
Checking account	479.58	
Certificate of deposit	1,143.65	
TOTAL, GENERAL FUND		1,623.23
SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
Balance, April 15, 1970	1,487.06	
Interest	65.48	
Royalty, Montana Library Quarterly film	1.58	
Transfer, 1970/71 membership	205.40	
TOTAL, SCHOLARSHIP FUND		1,759.52
TOTAL ASSETS		$3,382.75

Rita M. Nelson, Treasurer